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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
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Sir:

In response to the communication from the Patent Office mailed 30 July 2001, entitled "Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office," enclosed is the Declaration and Power of Attorney for this application, plus the duplicate copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of the Application form.

Applicant notes the filing date for priority Application No. 9901903.6 is incorrectly identified as "15 January 1999" on the Declaration and Power of Attorney submitted herewith. The correct filing date for this application is "28 January 1999".

The \$130.00 surcharge for filing the missing parts of the application should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0258. Any overpayment or refund should be credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.

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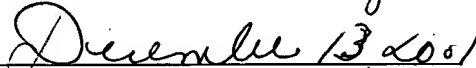
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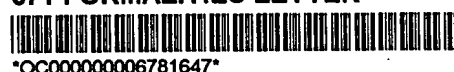
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette
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- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- **\$130** Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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